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## STATE BUDGET – TRIGGERED STATE BUDGET REDUCTIONS; COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IMPACT

As reported in the July 5, 2011 Sacramento Update, Governor Brown signed the \$86 billion FY 2011-12 State Budget Act, which redirected State sales tax and vehicle license fee revenue to counties to fund realignment, as well as addressed the State's remaining \$9.6 billion deficit through a number of expenditure reductions, revenue solutions and the assumption of \$4 billion in projected revenue the State may receive in FY 2011-12. The State Budget Act authorizes the Director of the Department of Finance to make up to \$2.46 billion in additional expenditure reductions beginning in January 2012 if the projected \$4.0 billion in revenue does not materialize this fall. State tax revenue through August lagged \$596 million behind the State's projections. However, the most important data — the State's fall economic forecast for example — are still yet to come.

The reductions would be implemented in three tiers, as follows:

Tier 0	
There will be no reductions if the State receives \$3.0 to \$4.0 billion of the \$4.0 billion in projected revenues.	
<b>TOTAL TIER 0 TRIGGER CUTS</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Tier 1	
Reductions of approximately \$600.0 million to the following programs will be enacted if the State receives \$2.0 to \$3.0 billion of the projected revenues.	

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▪ Unallocated reduction to University of California	\$100.0 million
▪ Unallocated reduction to California State University	\$100.0 million
▪ 20 percent reduction in authorized hours for In-Home Supportive Services recipients	\$100.0 million
▪ Department of Developmental Services unallocated reduction	\$100.0 million
▪ Juvenile Justice – increase charge to counties for youthful offenders sent to Division of Juvenile Justice	\$72.1 million
▪ \$10/unit fee hike for community colleges	\$30.0 million
▪ Across-the-board cut to child care funding	\$23.0 million
▪ Unallocated reduction to Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation	\$20.0 million
▪ Reduction to California State Library for library grants	\$15.9 million
▪ Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan payment reductions	\$15.0 million
▪ Eliminate Vertical Prosecution grants	\$15.0 million
▪ Eliminate anti-fraud grants provided to counties for the In-Home Supportive Services Program	\$10.0 million
<b>TOTAL TIER 1 TRIGGER CUTS</b>	<b>\$601.0 million</b>
<b>Tier 2</b>	
<b>Reductions of up to \$2.0 billion to the following programs, plus the Tier 1 reductions, will be enacted if the State receives \$0 to \$2.0 billion of the projected revenues.</b>	
▪ Reduction to K-12 schools that allows districts to drop seven classroom days. The school year would be reduced to 168 days – down from 180 days three years ago	\$1.54 billion
▪ Elimination of school bus transportation	\$248.0 million
▪ Reduction to community colleges	\$72.0 million
<b>TOTAL TIER 2 TRIGGER CUTS</b>	<b>\$1.86 billion</b>

### Estimated County Impact

Based on a preliminary analysis, if the trigger cuts are enacted, the impact to the County would be approximately \$380,000. This is in addition to the \$363.3 million in reductions previously enacted in the FY 2011-12 State Budget Act, for a total estimated County loss of \$363.7 million in the budget year.

### **County Programs Impacted by the Trigger**

Most of the trigger cuts would be imposed on K-12 education, community colleges and higher education. However, the following County programs would be impacted if Tier 1 trigger cuts are enacted.

**Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan.** Reduction of \$15.0 million for the Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan payments for counties. **The Department of Health Services estimates that this trigger cut would result in a County loss of \$1.0 million in FY 2011-12.**

**In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Anti-Fraud Initiatives.** Eliminates \$10.0 million for IHSS fraud prevention, detection, referral, and investigation activities. According to the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), the trigger cut would result in a loss of \$8.5 million in State and Federal funding currently supporting the County's IHSS Anti-Fraud initiatives. **DPSS indicates that the trigger cut also would eliminate the County's share of cost for IHSS fraud activities for a net County savings of approximately \$1.5 million in FY 2011-12.**

**Across-the-Board Reduction to IHSS Service Hours.** Reduction of 20 percent in assessed service hours for all IHSS recipients for a State General Fund (SGF) savings of \$100.0 million in FY 2011-12. The State has not yet developed the details on how this cut will be implemented; however, the State Budget Act establishes an IHSS Supplement application for recipients who may be at-risk of out-of-home placement due to the reduction in hours. According to DPSS, the County could lose receipt of an estimated \$37.4 million in SGFs and \$55.9 million in Federal funds for IHSS benefits. **DPSS estimates that this trigger cut could impact most of the 184,000 individuals who currently receive IHSS benefits here in Los Angeles County. Additionally, DPSS estimates that these reductions in funding would result in a net County savings of approximately \$20.1 million in FY 2011-12, which represents the County's 17.5 percent share of IHSS provider payments.**

**Youthful Offenders.** Increase of \$72.1 million in county charges for youthful offender placements in Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). The provision shifting responsibility for supervision of all juvenile offenders was removed from the Public Safety Realignment legislation passed earlier this year. However, juvenile justice supervision was included as a Tier 1 trigger in the 2011-12 State Budget. If the trigger reductions are enacted, beginning January 1, 2012, the State would charge an annual rate of \$125,000 to house offenders committed from counties to a DJJ facility. This would be a significant increase in the amount currently charged to Los Angeles County to house youth in DJJ, which has averaged \$77,000 per month for approximately 300 youth over the previous six months. While the number of youth committed to DJJ is entirely under the

jurisdiction of the court and is variable, under the trigger reductions, **the Probation Department would be charged between \$18.0 and \$20.0 million by the State in FY 2011-12 for the period January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.**

**Vertical Prosecution.** Elimination of Vertical Prosecution Grant managed by the California Emergency Management Agency with SGF savings of \$15.0 million. In Los Angeles, the District Attorney's Office uses this grant to help support staffing for its Major Narcotics Vertical Prosecution Program and the Elder Abuse Vertical Prosecution Program. Together, the programs received an allocation of \$682,253 for FY 2010-11. The District Attorney's Office indicates that the loss of this critical grant funding would eliminate fiscal support for six Deputy District Attorneys assigned to these vertical prosecution programs. **The District Attorney's Office estimates that this trigger cut would result in an estimated County loss of approximately \$680,000 in FY 2011-12.**

**Public Library Grants.** Reduction of \$15.9 million statewide for local assistance programs for public libraries. **The Public Library indicates that this would result in an estimated County loss of approximately \$300,000 in the budget year to purchase books and other library materials.** This is in addition to the \$15.2 million in reductions previously enacted in the FY 2011-12 State Budget for local libraries, which the Public Library indicates resulted in an estimated County loss of approximately \$1.0 million in the budget year to purchase books and other library materials.

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